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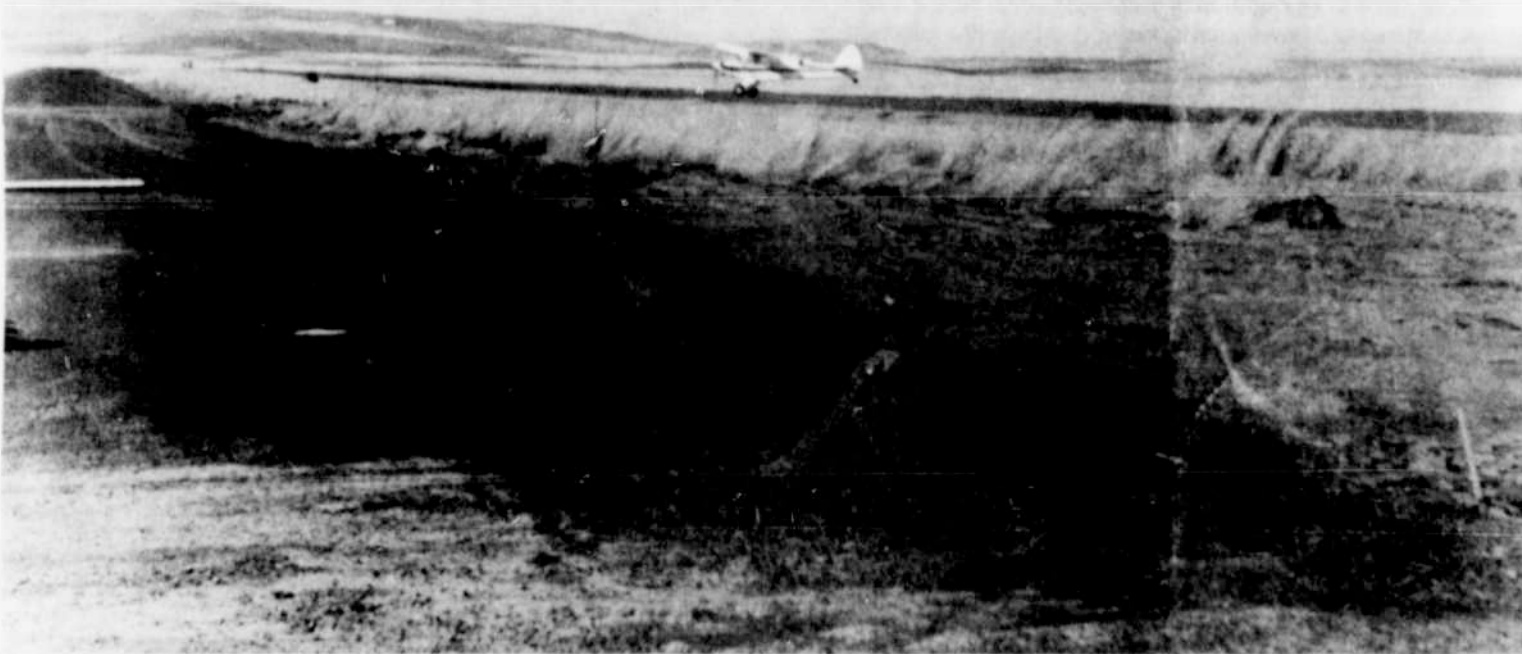
by the City of Heppner



Weather

	High	Low	Precip
Wed., Nov. 7	57	29	.01
Thurs., Nov. 8	56	33	Trace
Fri., Nov. 9	48	30	.13
Sat., Nov. 10	52	44	.12
Sun., Nov. 11	59	46	Trace
Mon., Nov. 12	55	43	.23
Tues., Nov. 13	63	42	Trace

Runway improvement project begins at airport



A small aircraft comes in for a landing across the runway (at the far right) which is under construction.

Blue Mountain Paving Co. began hauling rock in late October for runway and taxiway improvement at the Morrow County Airport in Lexington.

Krumbein Engineering of Pendleton will inspect the work during the

75-day contract which will include graveling the shoulder and putting an oil seal on the runway.

The construction is part of an airport improvement project for which Morrow County received \$500,000 in federal aviation fuel tax funds last July. Electrical improvements at the airport are scheduled to begin in 10 days, said a spokesperson for Krumbein Engineering.

County asked to enforce dog law

By MARYANN CERULLO

Bill Kuhn, Heppner's City Attorney came before the court last Wednesday to ask Morrow County Court to enforce a 1931 county statute which requires dogs within the county be licensed. This was in response to a recent citizens' delegation which introduced to Heppner City Council the problem of dogs running in packs within the city.

"Heppner's dog problem seems to be cyclical," said Kuhn, "and it has come to a cyclical head."

Kuhn pointed out to the court that the dogs running in packs around town have been mostly large breed dogs and have already knocked children down at the school grounds. There would be a definite liability to the county should someone be bitten, stated Kuhn, especially if the dog program required by Oregon state is not enforced in Morrow County.

Kuhn said that the city would be willing to provide funding and to implement a dog catching and impounding program if Morrow County would enforce its licensing ordinance of 1931.

"In order to cooperate with you I guess we'll just have to study this," said Don McElligott, Morrow County Judge.

Kuhn requested that the county court have their response by their next meeting, which is to be Wednesday, Nov. 21. The court agreed.

In other business, the court moved to allow the Morrow County Treasurer to authorize tax refunds under \$100. County Court will continue to authorize refunds over \$100.

held an executive session concerning personnel.

77% of voters cast ballots

Seventy-seven percent or 3,470 of the 4,526 registered voters in Morrow County cast ballots in the November 6 Presidential election according to the unofficial tally at the Morrow County Clerk's office. This compares to 74 percent or 3,189 of the 4,295 registered voters in the county marking their choices in the 1980 Presidential election.

This year Heppner led the other cities of the county with a whopping

88 percent of its registered voters exercising their right to suffrage. Other cities in the county trailed with the following percentages of voters marking ballots: Lexington - 78 percent, Ione - 72 percent, Boardman - 71 percent, Irrigon - 70 percent, and Hardman - 69 percent.

GSI opens field office in Heppner

Geophysical Service, Inc. set up a field office last Wednesday in the building which used to house LeBush Shoppe on Main Street in Heppner. The firm, a subsidiary of Texas Instruments, had been working out of the Pendleton area, but has moved closer to the area where they are exploring east of Heppner.

Bill Kelley, field manager for the firm said Tuesday that the 35 employees of the firm will be in Heppner for an unknown amount of time. He describes their work, contracted by an oil company based in Denver, Colorado, as placing geophones around an area and then creating vibrations on the ground which cause sine waves to be recorded on a computer tape. The print out data from the tape is then interpreted to determine the "likelihood of minerals being trapped in structures beneath the surface."

The firm's experiments locate the position of the structures and do not determine whether they are empty or contain certain materials. Similar work has been done in this area before, Kelley concluded.

Road work to start Nov. 26

Preliminary stages of construction are scheduled to begin November 26 on a section of Willow Creek Road beginning just below North Fork and continuing to Cutsforth Park, Don Denley of Lopez Construction said at a pre-construction meeting last Friday, Nov. 9 at the Morrow County Department of Public Works.

The meeting, chaired by Ned Stuart of the Federal Highway Administration included Morrow County Judge Don McElligott, Director of Public Works Otto Burden, Federal Highway Project Engineer John H. Pugh, representatives from Lopez Engineering and R.A. Edwards Co., and others concerned with reconstruction of the road.

Clearing of the right-of-way and staking the highway are included in the preliminary stages of reconstruction. The project will progress with heavy construction through the winter as the weather permits, said Denley. The contract time is 215 working days.

Ionians return from National Task Force meeting



Chuck Starr (left) and Betty Carlson

Chuck Starr and Betty Carlson, both of Ione, have recently returned from a National Agriculture in the Classroom Task Force Meeting in Washington, D.C. Starr has served on the Oregon Task Force since September, 1982 and is currently serving as chairman of the Oregon

Executive Committee for Agriculture in the Classroom. Carlson has served on the national Task Force since 1982 and was instrumental in development of the state task force. She received an award from Secretary of Agriculture John Block for her service on the task force.

Starr said that the two and one-half days spent at the National 4-H Center meeting were beneficial and reassuring that Oregon is on the right track in its efforts to help schools place greater emphasis on agriculture and its importance in our lives.

The Oregon Task Force, Starr notes, is a forerunner among the others of the nation. It has a wide representation of people who are productive in agriculture, and representatives from education, the state department and colleges and newspapers.

Current emphasis of the Oregon Task Force is in teacher preparation and development and adoption of textbooks which include information about agriculture, forests, and water resources in books used in regular classes. For example, some of the materials currently being

used urge students to think about things currently happening in their own area and consider how they influence international relations, or how a decision made concerning agriculture in Pakistan would effect us in the United States.

"Agriculture in the Classroom" does not mean teaching how to farm, nor does it mean promoting products, commodities or political points of view, he explains.

While in Washington, D.C., Starr did have a chance to visit with the Congressional aids of Senators Hatfield and Packwood and Congressman Smith. All three, he said, indicated support of the task force.

"With this conference, as with any other, the most valuable thing is visiting with other people from other areas and getting little ideas from here and there to keep the job going toward the goals you've set," Starr concluded.

Corps to let bids for cleanup projects

Dick Weller of the Walla Walla office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced that the Corps will let bids to correct miscellaneous "deficiencies" at the Willow Creek Dam Project near Heppner.

Weller explained Tuesday that when the Corps makes a final inspection of a project it is typical to find some things which have not been done to Corps specifications.

Bids for the \$25,000 to \$100,000 projects are expected to be opened sometime in mid December. These costs, he said were figured into the original cost estimate for the project, so they won't change the overall amount of money spent for the dam. Since the projects are small, none is expected to exceed 60-90 days after the bid is awarded.

He explained that the following projects were needed:

- install chain link fence fabric above the rip rap in the area of Balm Fork. Because the average pool height is more than originally planned the wire fabric is needed to protect the slope (hold down the smaller rock fill) from wave action.

- install 200 linear feet of 24-inch perforated pipe which will pick up some of the water which is spilling over the side of the dam where it ties into the hill. The pipe will put the water back into the big stillings basin which has its own drainage system to take the water back into the creek channel.

- construct 80 linear feet of 21-inch storm drain extension to re-establish a section of a city storm drain which was cut during construction of the dam.

- modify a bridge girder at the Alfalfa street bridge by adding shear keys.

Rodeo Board begins plans for 1985 Morrow Co. Rodeo

A regular meeting of the Rodeo Board was held Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the banquet room of the Wagon Wheel. The following people were voted into office: Don Papineau, stock director; Gail Papineau, publicity; Jim Hayes, vice chairman; Don Christenson, dance director; and Annie McClure, barn director.

Many items of business were discussed and put into the planning stage. A Morrow County Rodeo is planned this year with the date and details submitted at a later date. The rodeo board will be in charge of running this particular event and it will be run as a jackpot.

Burke O'Brien, Ron Cecil and Joe Yocom attended the WRA convention in Mosses Lake with the express purpose of receiving input on future plans concerning our rodeo said a rodeo committee spokesperson.

Micky Madison and Jim Hayes attended the NRA convention on

- install soil erosion protection material to prevent erosion of sod into the stilling basin from an area which was not sodded. The area is scheduled to be seeded, but a fabric will be placed over the top which will deteriorate and become part of the topsoil when the grass takes hold.

Saturday, Nov. 10. "We are trying to receive input from both associations so we can put on the best rodeo possible," they said.

The Directors are also going to research the history of our rodeo and will submit a history when completed, also the publicity director will feature an article on local rodeo talents and association winners as the year progresses.

The announcer for the Saturday and Sunday performances will be Jake Grossmiller of Wasco, a well known and well liked personality on the rodeo circuit.

"My goal as publicity director this year is to inform you, the public, of the great American tradition we have in Rodeo, of the excitement, the people, and the effort that goes into producing and starring in your local rodeo and of the pride your court and local cowboys and cowgirls have in this area," concluded rodeo committee publicity chairman Gail Papineau.



Members of the Ione American Legion Post stand at attention following a short address by Morrow County Commissioner Warren McCoy. He told the crowd at the Ione Memorial Field that it was appropriate to set aside

a day to honor the veterans who fought to preserve our "gift of freedom" because it is not really a gift since sooner or later it must be defended and preserved.